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Announcement

Afrobarometer announces new appointees to its survey, analysis, and engagement units

Afrobarometer is happy to announce the following new appointees to its survey, analysis, and engagement teams:

Anyway Chingwete: Deputy director of surveys

Former project manager for Southern Africa, Anyway Chingwete (achingwete@afrobarometer.org) has been appointed as Afrobarometer's deputy director of surveys. Working closely with the director of surveys and regional project managers, Anyway plays an oversight role in survey management, including the review of survey questionnaires to meet Afrobarometer standards. She also oversees some of Afrobarometer's special projects. Her engagement with Afrobarometer goes back to 2005, as co-national investigator for the Zimbabwe survey under the Mass Public Opinion Institute. She rose through the ranks to become Afrobarometer project manager for southern Africa, working for both the Institute for Democracy in South Africa (IDASA: 2012-2013) and the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (IJR: 2014-2020).

Anyway, has extensive experience in quantitative and qualitative research methodologies and a track record of successfully managing multi-country projects. She is a member of the management committee of the Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa (IDCPPA) at the University of Cape Town. She holds a master's degree in population studies and a BA honours degree in economics from the University of Zimbabwe.

Dominique Dryding: Project manager for southern Africa

Dominique Dryding (ddryding@afrobarometer.org) is the new project manager for Southern Africa, based at IJR, and manages Afrobarometer's operations in nine countries (South Africa, Lesotho, eSwatini, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Angola, and Mauritius). She is responsible for managing the selection of national partners in the region, preparing national partners for fieldwork, and providing technical assistance and training for fieldworkers.

Former assistant project manager for southern Africa, Dominique has authored numerous publications, including on [democracy in South Africa](#) and gender equality in [South Africa](#) and [across Africa](#). Dominique holds a master of science degree in leadership and society from King's College London. She also holds a bachelor of social science and honours in justice and transformation from the University of Cape Town.

Josephine Appiah-Nyamekye Sanny: Knowledge translation manager

Josephine Appiah-Nyamekye Sanny (jappiah@afrobarometer.org) is Afrobarometer knowledge translation manager. As part of the Analysis Unit, she translates Afrobarometer research and analysis into meaningful messages tailored to relevant policy makers and policy advocates.

Prior to this, Josephine served as Afrobarometer communications coordinator for anglophone West Africa and communications team lead at the Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana). She is a bilingual communications practitioner credited with several cutting-edge communication strategies across Africa. She has played a key role in analysis and publication of Afrobarometer findings and has authored research publications on several themes including [youth](#), [migration](#), [media freedom](#), [violent extremism](#), and [public service delivery](#).

Her expertise includes data visualization, stakeholder engagement, government relations, media relations, digital public relations, and issues and crisis management. She holds a master's degree in communications studies from the University of Ghana. She is also an accredited member of the Institute of Public Relations Ghana and a member of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations UK.

Shannon van Wyk: Digital portfolio manager

Shannon van Wyk (shannon@afrobarometer.org) joins Afrobarometer as digital portfolio manager. Shannon intends to expand Afrobarometer's online footprint by focusing on creating accessible and innovative digital communication. She is currently completing a master of philosophy program in inclusive innovation at the University of Cape Town's Graduate School of Business, where her research focuses on the impact of digital democracy in governance processes and the role that digital tools may play in extending democratic processes and public participation in contemporary African societies.

Shannon holds a bachelor of arts degree in film and media with specialization in online media production from the University of Cape Town and an honours degree in brand communication and strategy from Vega School. Shannon is also a 2020 Bertha Scholar with the Bertha Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship as well as a cohort member of the 2021 Apolitical Fellowship.

Maame Akua Amoah Twum Ankrāh: Communications coordinator for anglophone West and North Africa

Maame Akua Amoah Twum Ankrāh (maameakua@afrobarometer.org) is Afrobarometer communications coordinator for anglophone West and North Africa, based at the Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana). She brings on board more than a decade's worth of senior corporate experience in internal communications, media relations, stakeholder engagement, and digital communications.

Prior to joining CDD-Ghana, Maame Akua worked as assistant manager for communications at the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Ghana Limited and as senior corporate affairs executive for NDK Financial Services Limited. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology and a master of arts degree in communication studies from the University of Ghana.

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